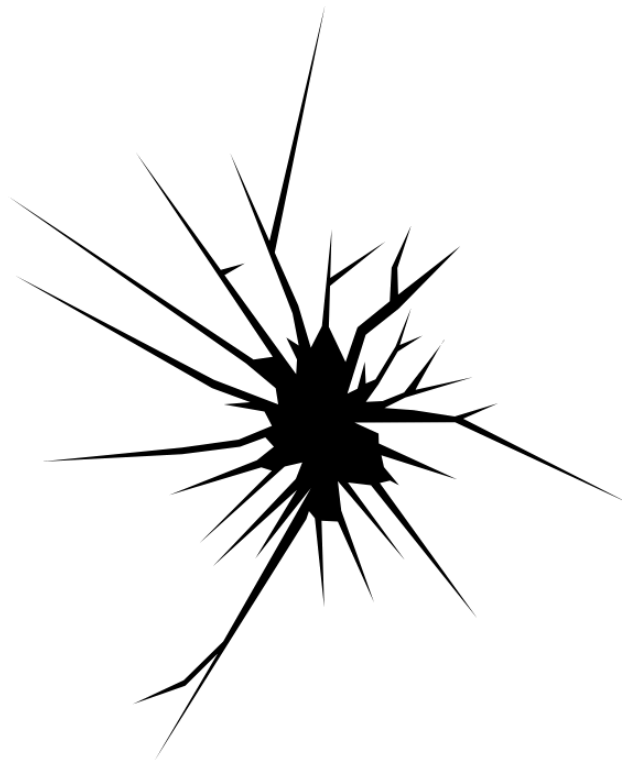


THE FUTURE IS YOURS, WILL YOU DARE TO LEAD THE CHANGE?

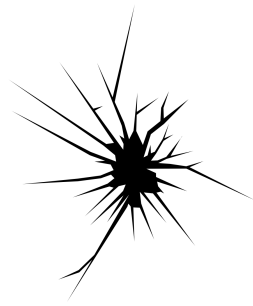


THE HUMAN PIONEER PROJECT:

CREATING MEANINGFUL IMPACT IN THE AI ERA



FORTHEM
Student-driven project 2025
Digital Transformation Lab



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

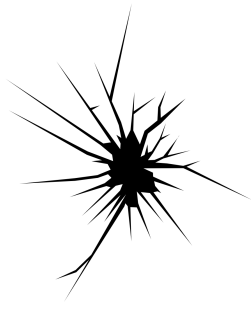
AI is about to transform everything—how we work, live, and even think. Most students have not yet grasped the scale of this shift or how it will shape their futures. *The Human Pioneer Project: Creating meaningful impact in the AI era* is a 2025 student-driven project in Digital Transformation Lab from FORTHEM Alliance. It is an experiment—a chance for students to move beyond passive observation and start shaping what comes next. This program empowers **STEM master's students** to take ownership of their future through bottom-up collaboration rather than hierarchy. **Over five discussion sessions, 20 students will discuss AI's impact, global challenges, and what it means to be human in the AI era.**

WHY THIS IS DIFFERENT

Many big ideas start as conversations—where structure breaks down, assumptions are challenged, and people connect over ideas that don't fit neatly into formal systems. Just a group of ambitious students in a room, questioning, debating, and figuring things out together. Our goal is to create a **safe discussion space for bold ideas** to thrive.

THE FORMAT

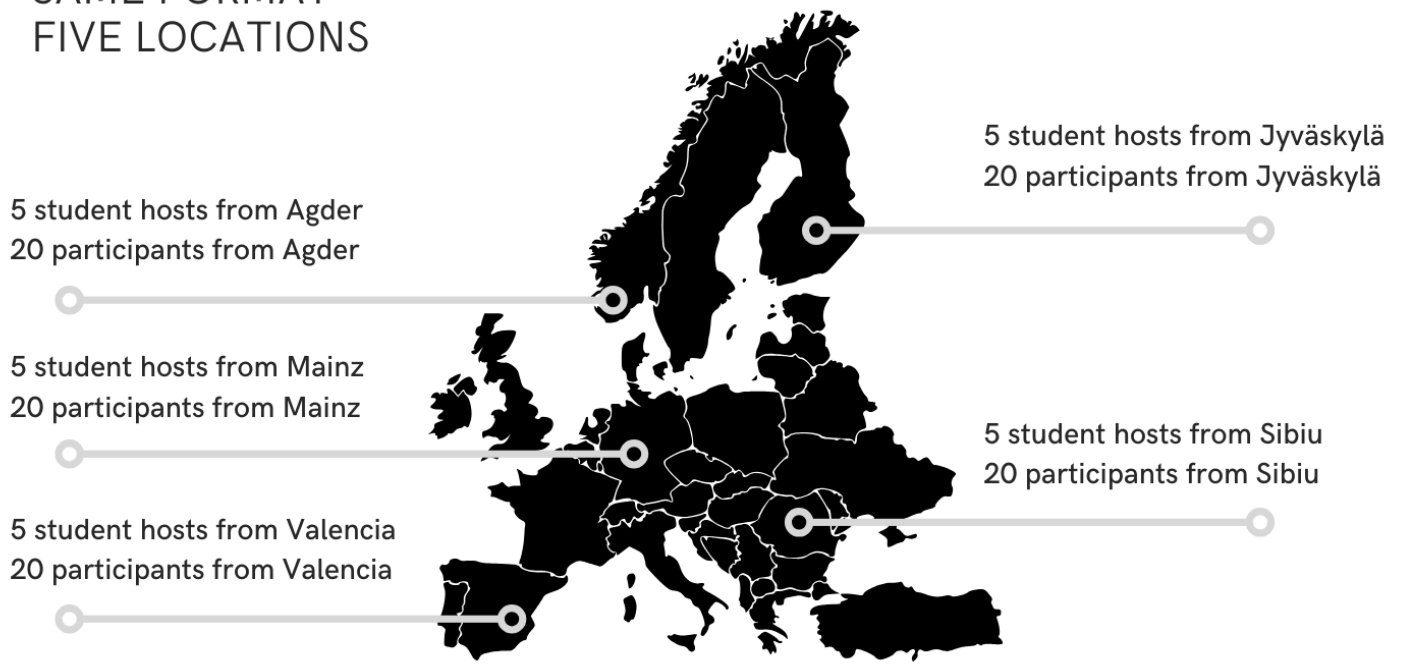
This student-led discussion experiment will be hosted in parallel in five FORTHEM universities (Mainz, Valencia, Agder, Jyväskylä, Sibiu), following the same format and themes. **5 student hosts from each university will be organizing in-person discussions for 20 STEM student participants**, in their own university. No professors, no hierarchy—just students driving the conversation. A Discord community, including participants from all five universities, keeps the discussion alive beyond the sessions. The exact date of each event will be determined by the student hosts at each university (Apr-Sept 2025). (*STEM=Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)



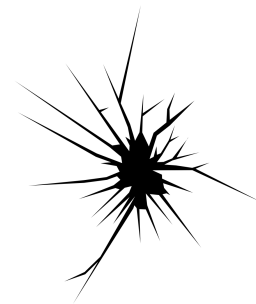
Each session (~3 hours) follows a simple format: **quick presentations, small-group debates, and networking over food.**

1. Kickoff & Host Presentation (30 min) – introducing key ideas, framing the discussion
2. Small-Group Discussion 1 (15 min) – First reactions, quick debates
3. Host Presentation + Q&A (20 min) – A deeper dive, unpacking complexities
4. Small-Group Discussion 2 (15 min) – pushing beyond surface-level thinking.
5. Host Presentation + Q&A (20 min) – New angles, thought experiments
6. Small-Group Discussion 3 (15 min) – Final synthesis
7. Food & Guided Networking (1 hr) – The best ideas happen over food

SAME FORMAT FIVE LOCATIONS



THE FUTURE IS NOT INHERITED,
IT IS BUILT BY THOSE BOLD ENOUGH TO ENVISION IT



FIVE DISCUSSION SESSIONS

Session 1: Understanding the World

- THEME: The Era of AI and the Future of Humanity
- How is AI changing the world today in ways most people don't notice? What's coming next in 2025+ ?

Session 2: Envisioning Possibilities

- THEME: AI and the Vision of a Better Future
- If AI is going to change the world no matter what, what kind of world would we want to build by 2065? What are the ways to make sure that change is for the better? Writing the novel of the future together.

Session 3: Identifying Problems

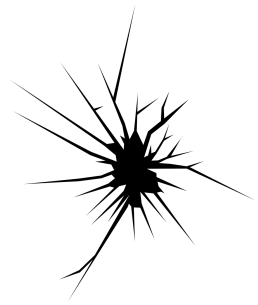
- THEME: What Are the Problems We Must Solve?
- What problems should we be solving today before it becomes too late?

Session 4: Empowering Action

- THEME: Creating Impact: My Role in Shaping the Future
- What's something you could start working on today that would still matter in 10 years? What holds most people back from turning their best ideas into reality? How can you start building the future from exactly where you are right now?
- Possible collaboration with local startup founders to share their journey of building from 0 to 1

Session 5: Reflecting on Humanity

- THEME: What Does It Mean to Be Human in the AI Era?
- What Does It Mean to Be Human in the AI Era? What am I gonna do with my limited existence as Human?



JOIN AS STUDENT HOST

We are recruiting **5 student hosts per university**. As a student host, you'll take charge of creating discussion contents, organizing and facilitating discussions at your university.

Fundings (for food & materials) will be provided by FORTHEM. This is your chance to step up, and be at the center of discussions that matter. If you've got something to say, say it out loud.

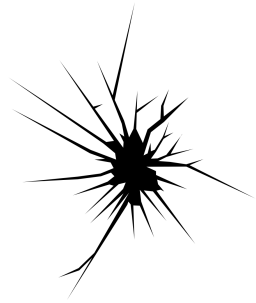
Responsibilities

1. Design & create content for one discussion session (**template materials provided**)
2. present your ideas for your designed session as the main host
3. Arrange venues, schedules, food and participant communications
4. Driving Meaningful Conversations
5. Document key insights and takeaways from each session.
6. Collaborate with four other student hosts at your university
7. Contribute to building a model that could scale across more universities in the future

To register as student host, please send your motivation letter (any length) to Judy CHO at [judy.cho@launch-rm.de], please include the following

1. Your full name, field of study, year of study, your university
2. Why do you want to host? What ideas do you want to communicate? Your thoughts on AI in the coming 2025-2026?
3. Preferred Discussion Topic to Host
4. (Optional) Link to your LinkedIn Profile

Application Deadline for student host: 13th April 2025



JOIN AS STUDENT PARTICIPANT

For **STEM Master students** from five FORTHEM universities

- The University of Valencia
- Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz
- The University of Agder
- The University of Jyväskylä
- Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu

To register as student participants, please fill in the form through the link below:

<https://forms.gle/9CVuXaaKyPAgKGmk8>

Application Deadline for student participants: 30th April 2025

Project Lead: Judy King Yi CHO, Master in Neuroscience (JGU Mainz)

Partners: LAUNCH Rhein-Main e.V.

